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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Plaintiffs, C.A. No. 04-1494 JJF v. NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, Defendant. MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION Plaintiff, C.A. No. 04-1256 JJF v. PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP, Defendant. MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION Plaintiff, C.A. No. 05-0499 JJF v. MIKE J. HANSON & ERNIE J. KINDT,

MIKE J. HANSON & ERNIE J. KINDT'S JOINDER TO DEFENDANT NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER

Defendants.

Mike J. Hanson & Ernie J. Kindt ("Hanson & Kindt") hereby joins (the "Joinder") in Defendant Northwestern Corporation's Motion for a Protective Order and Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion for a Protective Order dated February 2, 2006 (D.I. 55, 56 in C.A. No.

04-1494) (together, the "Motion"), and requests the relief sought therein, for substantially the same reasons set forth in the Motion. Hanson & Kindt expressly reserve all rights to participate in additional briefing or argument on this matter.

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Hanson & Kindt is filing this Joinder in the three above-captioned civil actions because, although no order has formally been entered, it understands that these cases have been consolidated for the purpose of discovery.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Denise Seastone Kraft, certify that on this 13th day of February, 2006, I caused true and correct copies of Mike J. Hanson & Ernie J. Kindt's Joinder To Defendant Northwestern Corporation's Motion For a Protective Order to be served on the parties listed below in the manner indicated.

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